

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CHRISTOPHER LOWRY,

Plaintiff

Case No. 3:24-cv-00084-ART-CLB

ORDER

v.

HEATHER ELLIS, et al.,

Defendants

**I. DISCUSSION**

Plaintiff applied to proceed in district court without prepaying fees or costs (ECF No. 7), which the Court granted. (ECF No. 8 at 1). On November 4, 2024, the Court issued a screening order permitting two claims to proceed and dismissing some claims with leave to amend. (*Id.* at 13). The Court granted Plaintiff 30 days from the date of that order to file an amended complaint curing the deficiencies of the complaint. (*Id.* at 14). And the Court specifically stated that if Plaintiff chose not to file an amended complaint, the action would proceed on his Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference to a serious medical need claim against Defendants Park and Dr. Marks and his First Amendment retaliation claim against Defendants Ellis and Sgt. Bell only. (*Id.*) Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint. Pursuant to the screening order, this action will proceed on his Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference to a serious medical need claim against Defendants Park and Dr. Marks and his First Amendment retaliation claim against Defendants Ellis and Sgt. Bell only.

**II. CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, it is ordered that, pursuant to the Court's screening order (ECF No. 8), this action will proceed on Plaintiff's Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference to a serious medical need claim against Defendants Park and Dr. Marks and his First Amendment retaliation claim against Defendants Ellis and Sgt. Bell only.

It is further ordered that given the nature of the claim(s) that the Court has

1 permitted to proceed, this action is stayed for 90 days to allow Plaintiff and Defendant(s)  
2 an opportunity to settle their dispute an answer is filed, or the discovery process begins.  
3 During this 90-day stay period and until the Court lifts the stay, no other pleadings or  
4 papers may be filed in this case, and the parties will not engage in any discovery, nor are  
5 the parties required to respond to any paper filed in violation of the stay unless specifically  
6 ordered by the Court to do so. The Court will refer this case to the Court's Inmate Early  
7 Mediation Program, and the Court will enter a subsequent order. Regardless, on or  
8 before 90 days from the date this order is entered, the Office of the Attorney General will  
9 file the report form attached to this order regarding the results of the 90-day stay, even if  
10 a stipulation for dismissal is entered prior to the end of the 90-day stay. If the parties  
11 proceed with this action, the Court will then issue an order setting a date for Defendants  
12 to file an answer or other response. Following the filing of an answer, the Court will issue  
13 a scheduling order setting discovery and dispositive motion deadlines.

14 It is further ordered that "settlement" may or may not include payment of money  
15 damages. It also may or may not include an agreement to resolve Plaintiff's issues  
16 differently. A compromise agreement is one in which neither party is completely satisfied  
17 with the result, but both have given something up and both have obtained something in  
18 return.

19 It is further ordered that if any party seeks to have this case excluded from the  
20 inmate mediation program, that party will file a "motion to exclude case from mediation"  
21 no later than 21 days prior to the date set for mediation. The responding party will have  
22 7 days to file a response. No reply will be filed. Thereafter, the Court will issue an order,  
23 set the matter for hearing, or both.

24 It is further ordered that if Plaintiff needs an interpreter to participate in the  
25 mediation program, Plaintiff will file a notice identifying the interpretation language and  
26 the need for the interpreter within 30 days from the date of this order.

27 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court is further directed to add the Nevada  
28 Department of Corrections to the docket as an Interested Party and electronically provide

1 a copy of this order and copies of all items previously filed in this case by regenerating  
2 the Notices of Electronic Filing on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of  
3 Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the interested party on  
4 the docket. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

5 It is further ordered that the Attorney General's Office will advise the Court within  
6 21 days of the date of the entry of this order whether it will enter a limited notice of  
7 appearance on behalf of Defendants for the purpose of settlement. No defenses or  
8 objections, including lack of service, will be waived as a result of the filing of the limited  
9 notice of appearance.

10 DATED THIS 10th day of December 2024.

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13 United States Magistrate Judge  
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REPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
RE: RESULTS OF 90-DAY STAY

**NOTE: ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL FILE THIS FORM.  
THE INMATE PLAINTIFF SHALL NOT FILE THIS FORM.**

On \_\_\_\_\_ [*the date of the issuance of the screening order*], the Court issued its screening order stating that it had conducted its screening pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, and that certain specified claims in this case would proceed. The Court ordered the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to file a report ninety (90) days after the date of the entry of the Court's screening order to indicate the status of the case at the end of the 90-day stay. By filing this form, the Office of the Attorney General hereby complies.

**REPORT FORM**

[Identify which of the following two situations (identified in bold type) describes the case, and follow the instructions corresponding to the proper statement.]

**Situation One: Mediated Case: The case was assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay.** [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the six statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

\_\_\_\_\_ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on \_\_\_\_\_ [*enter date*], and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement (*even if paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed*). (*If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in the case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.*)

\_\_\_\_\_ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on \_\_\_\_\_ [*enter date*], and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the  
2 90-day stay, but the parties have nevertheless settled the case. *(If this box*  
3 *is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file a*  
4 *contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the*  
5 *Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they*  
6 *will file a stipulation of dismissal.)*

7 \_\_\_\_\_ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the  
8 90-day stay, but one is currently scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ [enter  
9 date].

10 \_\_\_\_\_ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the  
11 90-day stay, and as of this date, no date certain has been scheduled for  
12 such a session.

13 \_\_\_\_\_ None of the above five statements describes the status of this case.  
14 Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney  
15 General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the  
16 status of this case.

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18 **Situation Two: Informal Settlement Discussions Case:** The case was NOT assigned  
19 to mediation with a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay; rather, the  
20 parties were encouraged to engage in informal settlement negotiations. [If this  
21 statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the four statements below and fill in any additional  
22 information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

23 \_\_\_\_\_ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the  
24 parties have reached a settlement *(even if the paperwork to memorialize*  
25 *the settlement remains to be completed)*. *(If this box is checked, the parties*  
26 *are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous*  
27 *stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the*  
28 *stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation*  
*of dismissal.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the  
parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General  
therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

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General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

\_\_\_\_\_ None of the above three statements fully describes the status of this case.  
Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney  
General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the  
status of this case.

Submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by:

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